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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 508

Introduced by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Burke)

February 23, 2015

An act to add Section 123237 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 508, as amended, Cristina Garcia. Public health: maternal health.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Public Health and sets forth its powers and duties, as specified. Existing law requires the department to maintain a program of maternal, child, and adolescent health.

This bill would require the department to ~~prepare~~, *prepare and* submit to the ~~Legislature~~, and ~~post to the department's Internet Web site~~ *Legislature* an annual report on maternal mortality and morbidity in California. ~~The bill also would require the department to include in the report California, including an in-depth analysis of maternal deaths and pregnancy-related complications, and severe maternal morbidity. The bill would also require the department, in order to develop the most accurate reports, to support efforts of private-public collaboration to collect necessary data and complete the report. reports in a resource-efficient manner, to consider existing resources, including,~~

among others, opportunities for partnerships with other entities and use of physician volunteers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 123237 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 123237. (a) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the
- 4 Government Code, the State Department of Public Health, as part
- 5 of its work to advance and improve California maternity care
- 6 through data-driven quality improvement, shall prepare and submit
- 7 to the Legislature an annual report on maternal mortality and
- 8 morbidity in California. ~~The department also shall post each annual~~
- 9 ~~report on its Internet Web site.~~ The report shall include, but not
- 10 be limited to, ~~an analysis of all maternal deaths and instances of~~
- 11 ~~complications related to pregnancy, which includes~~ all of the
- 12 following:
- 13 ~~(1) Patient demographics.~~
- 14 ~~(2) Underlying causes.~~
- 15 ~~(3) Contributing factors.~~
- 16 *(1) An analysis of maternal deaths that includes both of the*
- 17 *following:*
- 18 *(A) Case review of each death.*
- 19 *(B) Analysis of patient demographics, contributing factors, and*
- 20 *underlying causes.*
- 21 *(2) An analysis of all cases of severe maternal morbidity, as*
- 22 *defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,*
- 23 *for which data collection is practicable, including analysis of*
- 24 *patient demographics and underlying causes.*
- 25 ~~(4)~~
- 26 ~~(3) Suggestions for improvements in care.~~ *care to reduce*
- 27 *maternal death and severe maternal morbidity.*
- 28 ~~(b) In order to develop the most accurate reports, reports in a~~
- 29 ~~resource-efficient manner, the department shall support efforts of~~
- 30 ~~private-public collaboration to collect and analyze necessary data~~
- 31 ~~and complete the report.~~ *consider existing resources, including,*
- 32 *but not limited to, all of the following:*
- 33 *(1) Existing data sources available to the department.*

- 1 (2) *Opportunities for partnerships with entities engaged in*
- 2 *maternal care quality measurement or improvement.*
- 3 (3) *Use of physician volunteers or committees.*
- 4 (c) A report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be
- 5 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
- 6 Code.

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